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312.104331CR1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): K. HILL, et al.

Serial No.: (not yet assigned)

Filed:

For: METHOD OF FABRICATING BRAGG GRATINGS USING A
SILICA GLASS PHASE GRATING MASK AND MASK USED
BY THE SAME

Group:

Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are
respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified
application.

IN THE CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION:

Line 2, after "application" insert ~~is a continuation~~
~~application of U.S. application Serial No. 09/342,707, filed~~
~~June 29, 1999, which is a~~

REMARKS

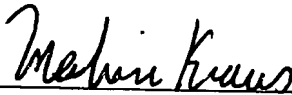
By the above amendment, the cross-reference to related

application has been amended.

Examination of the application and favorable action thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (312.104331CR1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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